

LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743 9108 B & NUL

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RE: WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual §54.313 / 54.422 Report of High-Cost and Low Income Recipient, Form 481

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed herein is an original and copy of the annual report for Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc., Study Area Code 482244 pursuant to §54.313 / 54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Please contact me with any questions at:

Phone: 406.362.4216 Email: ltc@linctel.net

Ken Lumpsin

Sincerely,

Ken Lumpkin

Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager

Enclosures

Copies to:

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Date: July 1, 2016

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Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2016 Annual Report for Program Year 2017, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient - 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"

Dear Ms Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. provided in 2015 High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at (406)362-4216.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lumpkin General Manager

Kenneth Lumpkin

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(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting Data Collection Form	Study Area Code Study Area Name	Program Year	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	 Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? 	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	Naps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets Report how much universal service (USF) support was received How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service coverage How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.
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Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. 2015 PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PREAMBLE

This document is an integral part of the Company's 2016 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. It is in compliance with §54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161) and incorporates all further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, that were in effect at the time the Annual Report was filed.

Lincoln Telephone advises that the environment in which the Company operates is dynamic, not static. As a result, certain network targets identified in its initial 5 Year Network Improvement Plan filed in 2014, may be modified in response to regulatory decisions that have been subsequently adopted, and as their implication upon the Company's financial viability in providing the required services and service level quality became known.

Modifications to the network plan been taken due to project financing delays.

Targets not met or changed since the initial 5 Year Plan filing are identified and reasons provided for those changes.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT RECEIVED IN 2015

Per the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), Lincoln Telephone received a total of \$547,000 USF support funds in 1995. The breakdown of the funding was:

- \$116,014 High Cost Loop Support
- \$181,200 Connect America Fund-Intercarrier Compensation Support
- \$249,786 Interstate Common Line Support

Universal Service Support funds are used to: 1) maintain, upgrade, and improve the Company's network and, 2) cover operating expenses and debt commitments as necessary to permit it to offer a high level of service for both voice and broadband within the authorized serving area.

USF support will continue to be included in the Company's current revenue accounts and forward-looking projections. Revenues, in the aggregate, are used for both capital expenditures (CAPEX) as well as to cover operating expenses (OPEX) and fixed costs

incurred to obtain capital from lenders. The Company does not segregate USF separately for purposes of capital and operating expenditures; USF is expended in the same proportion as its contribution is to the Company's aggregated revenue amount.

The proportionate share of USF expenditures in 2015 for CAPEX was \$418,778 (77%); for OPEX \$128,222 (23%).

In the accompanying 2015 project detail, expenditures for network improvements sometimes involve service quality, coverage and capacity as an integrated improvement project and are not mutually exclusive from one another. In terms of cost, projects involving multiple qualifiers are of equal dollar equivalence. Where a project involves a single qualifier, it is so noted.

PROGRESS REPORT

2015

Lincoln Telephone based its improvement plan on the completion and submission of a Rural Utility Service loan application. Unfortunately the loan process has been delayed and Lincoln Telephone is using its operating cash flows for network improvements until loan approval.

Alice Creek Fiber Project: Lincoln Telephone used operating cash flow to deploy Fiber to the Home to this remote area within the Lincoln exchange. Of the twelve premises only three are served with commercial power. The project was completed in November 2015 at a cost of \$92,820.

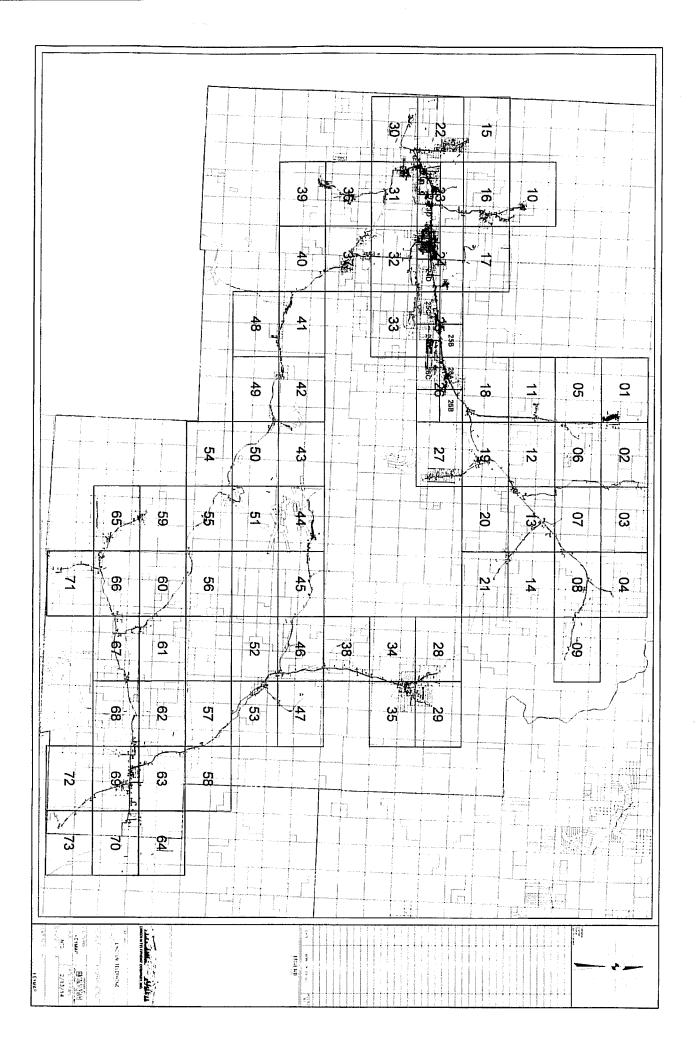
<u>Highway 279 – Flesher Pass</u>: Lincoln Telephone used operating cash flow to deploy Fiber to the Home to another remote area with the Lincoln exchange. This project was completed in November 2015 at a cost of \$145,632 and serves eight subscribers in a mountain terrain.

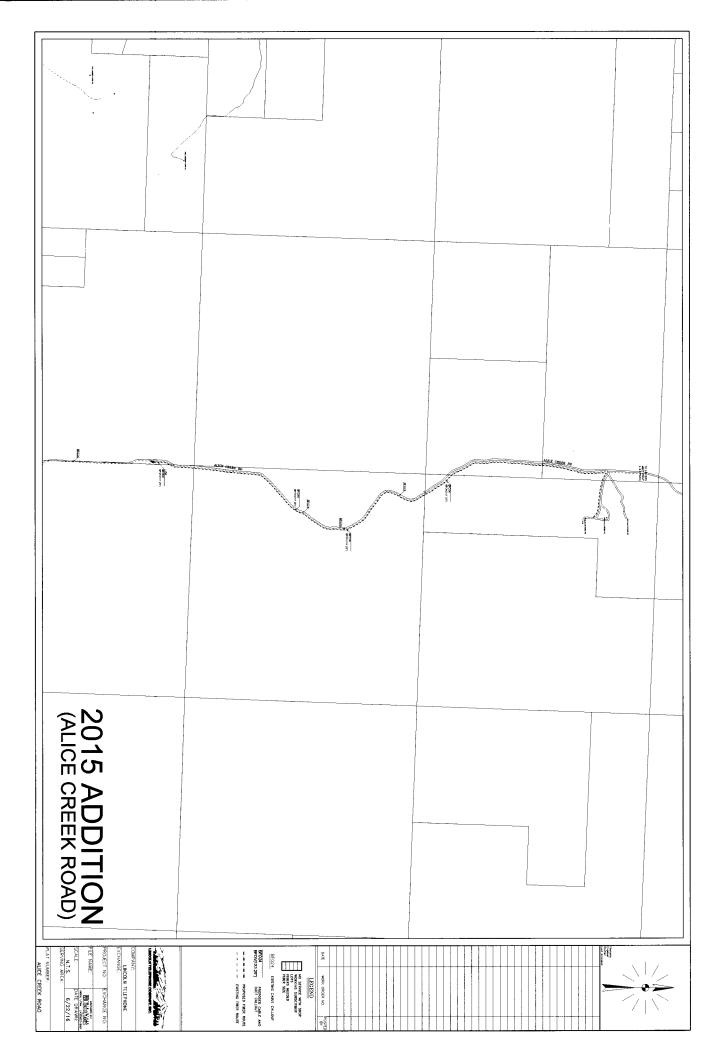
<u>Central Office</u>: Lincoln Telephone upgraded switching capabilities of its Genband C15 and added transmission equipment to enhance its capacity. These service quality and capacity expenditures were completed in October 2015 with an investment of \$154,407.

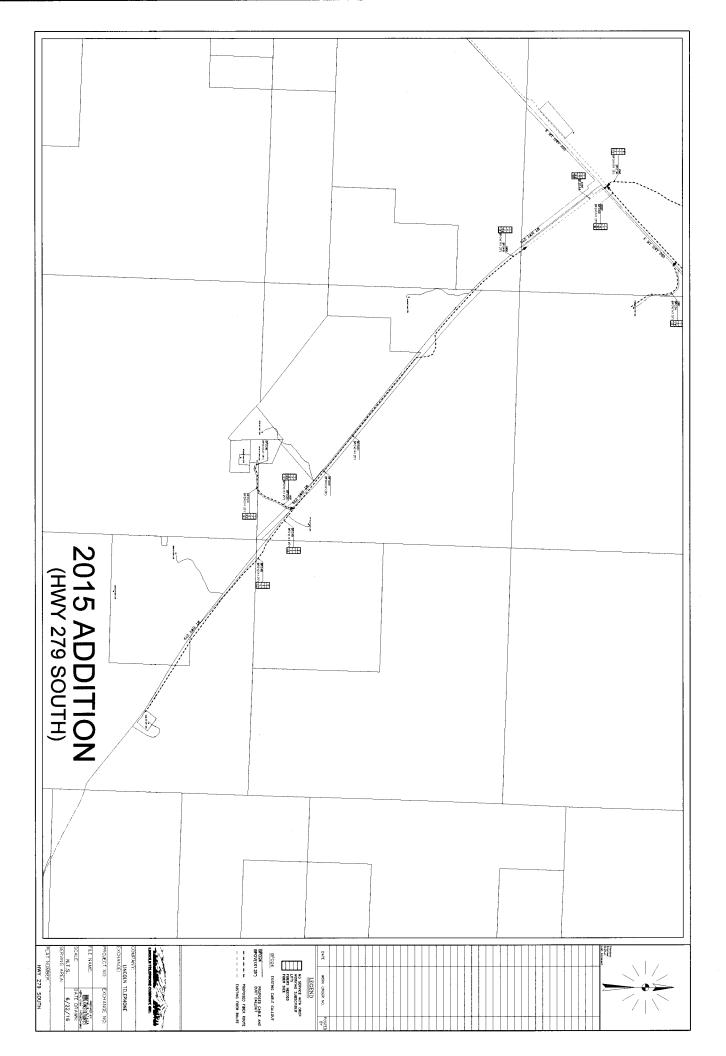
Vehicles: One service truck was replaced in 2015 and a cost of \$25,919.

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Consumer Protection

Voice and Broadband

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.§ 54.313(a)(5) and or 4 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Lincoln Telephone provides CPNI training to all of its existing and new employees. In addition, Lincoln Telephone trains staff and new employees on Red Flag issues. All Lincoln Telephone employees are required to sign and acknowledge they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training, received a current copy of the Lincoln Telephone's CPNI and Red Flag Manual and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules. The CPNI and Red Flag Coordinator conducts follow-up training sessions for employees who (a) assume new job responsibilities likely to bring them into contact with new and/or existing covered accounts of customers; (b) if and when material changes and other substantial revisions, modifications and updates are made to the Program; and/or (c) periodically when Lincoln's management and Coordinator believe a refresher training session is needed to remind employees of identity theft issues, Red Flag matter and CPNI. Annually, the Board receives, reviews and accepts CPNI and Red Flag reports from management.

Service Quality Standards

Voice

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. complies with service standards as promulgated in the Administrative Rules of the State of Montana 38.5.33, Telecommunications Service Standards.

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Functionality in Emergency Situations

Back-Up Power for Both Voice and Broadband Services

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. has the following back up power capabilities:

Switch

Genband C15

48V DC Battery Rack 20 hour run time

AC Generator 500 Gallon Propane Fuel Tank 48 hour run time with no maintenance

Remote Central Office

Calix

48V DC Battery Rack 20 hour run time

AC Generator 500 Gallon Propane Fuel Tank 48 hour run time with no maintenance

Subscriber Carriers

Calix or AFC

48V Batteries 4 hour run time

Portable Gasoline Generators 8 hour run time

Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average of 754 customers with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office and their NIDs are powered from the Central Office. Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average of 103 customers with non-metallic (fiber optic) connections to the Central Office. These customer's NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency. The batteries are rated to last 10 hours with no use and 6 hours with c constant use.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. has built redundant facilities between its exchanges and / or to its connecting company / toll tandem. This redundant facility is in the form of a SONET ring with alternate physical facilities between Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. and Vision Net, its interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average 857 customers, switching capacity of 10,000 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 1,000 simultaneous calls. Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

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Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.§54.313 (a) (10) Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. is in compliance with the requirement that voice service is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 16-362 issued in April 2016. Lincoln Telephone's current total local end-user rate of \$16.00 or \$18.45 are not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.

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Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.§54.313 (a) (1) Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. charges a residential rate of \$77.80 for broadband providing 10 Mbps download, 1Mbps upload, and an unlimited usage allowance. This rate is at the 2015 reasonable comparability benchmark for the same offering established by the Wireline Competition Bureau.

FCC Form 481. CNIB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819	482244	LINCOLN TEL CO INC	2017	Kenneth Lumpkin	4063624216 ext.	kennethlumpkin@linctel.net	Yes	š kbps		
1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	<010> Study Area Code	<015> Study Area Name	<020> Program Year	<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).		

(1200) Te	(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	PCC Form 481
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		Name of Attached Document
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"Please of or the we \$ 54.422	"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must	
annually report:	/ report:	
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,	
<1222>	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	

LIFELINE FORM



☐ Initial Lifeline Enrollment ☐ Re-	Verification of Lifeline Er	nrollment	482244mt1210.pdf Page 1 of 2
PERSONAL INFORMATION			
PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:			
First Name:			
Last Name:			
Phone Number:	Last 4 of Social Security	#:	
E-mail Address:			
residential Address (NO PO Boxes, must be your physical addr Street Address:	16221		
Name of Apt. Complex/Multi Resident Facility:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
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City:			
This address is:			
Permanent Temporary Multi-hous	sehold		
I share an address with another person(s) over the age of 18. No (If yes, please complete the Ho	· ·	=	
ELIGIBILITY	<u> </u>		
QUALIFYING BENEFICIARY (Please complete if you or a	dependent in your hous	ehold is receiving bene	fits from one or more of the programs
listed below.)			
First Name:	MI:	Last Name:	
PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND PRESENT DOCUM	ENTATION PROVING PRO	OGRAM PARTICIPATION	!:
☐ Food Stamps (SNAP) ☐ Federal Housing Assista	ance (Section 8)	Low Income Home E	nergy Assistance Program
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Mational School Lu	nch (Free Program Only)	☐ Medicaid	
☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families			
☐ Income qualification: Person's whose household income is		nal poverty level qualifies	•
How many people are in your household?	-		
Qualifying income per person:	4-1 4 4		
(1) \$15,890 (2) \$21,506 (3) \$27,122	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • •	4,160 for each additional person.)
TO QUALIFY BASED ON YOUR INCOME YOU MUST PRO	VIDE COPIES OF ONE OR		
3 Consecutive Paystubs	•	 Social Security Benefit 	
Unemployment/Workers Compensation Benefits S			ild Support Document
Retirement/Pension Benefit Statement	•	 Veterans Administrat 	tion Benefits Statement
Prior Year's State or Federal Tax Return			
CERTIFICATIONS ————————————————————————————————————			
PLEASE READ AND ACKOWLEDGE YOU AGREE BY INITIA	ALING EACH STATEMENT	BELOW:	
I understand that Lifeline is a federal governm	nent benefit program and t	hat only qualified person r	nay participate in the program.
			vireless. To the best of my knowledge no one in
my household is receiving Lifeline benefits. (N			
I certify that I am at least 18 years of age and	not currently receiving a Li	feline telephone service fr	om any other landline or wireless telephone
company. I understand that any violation of	the one phone line per hou	sehold limitation will resul	It in de-enrollment from the Lifeline program
and may be punished by fine or imprisonmen	rt.		
I will not transfer my service to any other ind	ividual, including another e	ligible low-income consum	ner.
I understand that I will be required to recertif		•	nd that failure to do so will result in
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I will notify Lincoln Telephone within thirty (3	(0) days if my home address	s changes. Failure to provi	de such notification may result in de-
enrollment from the program.			
I understand that completion of this applicati	•		, ,
I understand that my name, telephone numb		=	
administrator of the program) and/or its ager	ats for the purpose of verify	ying that I do not receive m	iore than one Liteline Benefit.

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	(chec	k no if you do not have a spouse or	partner)	YESNO)			
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		a sibling, aunt, cousin,						
		grandparent, grandchild, etc.)					:-!!: D b-!	
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		If you checked YES, please answer	guestion #3.					
3.	Do yo	ou share living expenses (bills, food	l, etc.) and share		ner your income, the other pe	erson's income or	both incomes together) with at leas	it
		of the adults listed above in question						
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4.		receives Lifeline. ny of the adults listed in question #	2 already receiv	o a lifolino di	scounted nhone? VES	NO		
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d), (e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

2	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting		
<2010>	2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental		
<2011>	Support 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support		
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for		
<2023>	projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only. The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two -		
<2024A>	54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only. Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?		
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only. Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for Nyear three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC R. Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		

YCC Form 481. Davis Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 Any 2013			Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information					
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LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

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Date: July 1, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2016 Annual Report for Program Year 2017, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient - 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"

Dear Ms Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. provided in 2015 High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at (406)362-4216.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lumpkin General Manager

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complianc	the items below to note compliance with five year e with the financial reporting requirements set fort nents attached below is accurate.					
(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)					
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		Yes - At	tach Certifica	482244mt3010.pdf	
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(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	Information (Yes/No)	©	0		
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	•	O		
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows			<i>'</i>	482244mt3017.pdf	
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required	Name of Attach Information	ned Document Li	sting Required		
(3018)	documentation If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line	(Yes/I	No)	0		
(3019)	3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS					
(3020)	Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows					
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line					
(3022)	3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers					
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant				A.	
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.					
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows					

Name of Attached Document Listing Required

Information

(3026)

Attach the worksheet listing required information

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	and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential				
	BORROWER NAME				
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.				
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BURROWERS	(Prepared with Audited Data)			
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CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII

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Kenneth Lumpkin	3/25/2016	
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PART A. BALANCE SHEET							
	BALANCE	BALANCE		BALANCE	BALANCE		
ASSETS	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD		
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Cash and Equivalents	151,073	463,807	25. Accounts Payable	17,719	27,991		
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	0	0	26. Notes Payable	0	0		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	0	0		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	81,239	93,126	28. Customer Deposits	2,233	3,738		
b. Other Accounts Receivable	66,741	57,132	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	70,101	73,409		
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	0	0		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current MatCapital Leases	0	0		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	0	0	32. Income Taxes Accrued	25,447	31,039		
b. Other Accounts Receivable	106,182	0	33. Other Taxes Accrued	10,582	11,247		
. c. Notes Receivable	0	0	34. Other Current Liabilities	166	166		
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	24,088	5,075	35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	126,248	147,590		
6. Material-Regulated	54,897	36,206	LONG-TERM DEBT				
7. Material-Nonregulated	0	0	36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	570,080	531,714		
8. Prepayments	20,293	8,480	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes	0	0.		
9. Other Current Assets	1,909		38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes	0	0		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	506,422	663,826	39. Funded Debt-Other	0	0		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop, Loan	0	0		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	0	0		
a. Rural Development	0	0	42. Reacquired Debt	0	0		
b. Nonrural Development	0		43. Obligations Under Capital Lease	0	0		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies	0	. 0		
a. Rural Development	0	0	45. Other Long-Term Debt	56,165	21,129		
b. Nonrural Development	0	0	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	626,245	552,843		
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14. Other Noncurrent Assets	378,641	330,684	47. Other Long-Term Liabilities	815,331	850,091		
15. Deferred Charges	0	0	48. Other Deferred Credits	401,958	533,402		
16. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0	49. Other Jurisdictional Differences	0	0		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	900,558	854,451	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	1,217,289	1,383,493		
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT		at :: 11451/851/851/1931/855/857 (\$31/4)	EQUITY				
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	7,104,258	7,472,327	51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	2,450	2,450		
19. Property Held for Future Use	0		52. Additional Paid-in-Capital				
20. Plant Under Construction	0	35,309	53. Treasury Stock	(2,240)			
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	0	0	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates	0	0		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation	4,444,406	4,727,725	55. Other Capital	0	0		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	2,659,852		56. Patronage Capital Credits	0	0		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins	2,096,840	2,211,812		
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	2,097,050			
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)				
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INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2

Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION								
	1. RA	TES	2. SUBS	CRIBERS (ACCESS LINI	ES)	3. ROUT	3. ROUTE MILES	
EXCHANGE	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)	
Canyon Creek	22.75	18.45	6	135	141	87.80	14.04	
Lincoln	22.75	18.45	146	542	688	258.86	45.33	
MobileWireless					0			
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area						20.00	20.00	
Total			152	677	829	366.66	79.37	
No. Exchanges	2							

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			4. B	ROADBAND SER	VICE			
				Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service				
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month	Standalone/Pckg	Type Of Technology (g)
Canyon Creek	141	`	` '	768	768	22.90	Package	DSL
Lincoln	688	423	78	768	768	22.90	Package	DSL
Total	820	501						

USDA-RUS BORROWER DESIGNATION MT0525 **OPERATING REPORT FOR** PERIOD ENDING **TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS** December, 2015 INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2 PART D. SYSTEM DATA 1. No. Plant Employees 2. No. Other Employees 3. Square Miles Served 4. Access Lines per Square Mile 5. Subscribers per Route Mile 2,015 2.26 PART E. TOLL DATA 2. Types of Toll Settlements (Check one) 1. Study Area ID Code(s) Average Schedule X Cost Basis Interstate: Average Schedule X Cost Basis Intrastate: PART F. FUNDS INVESTED IN PLANT DURING YEAR RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended Other Long-Term Loan Funds Expended 3. Funds Expended Under RUS Interim Approval Other Short-Term Loan Funds Expended 368,069 General Funds Expended (Other than Interim) Salvaged Materials Contribution in Aid to Construction Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7) 368,069 PART G. INVESTMENTS IN AFFILIATED COMPANIES **CURRENT YEAR DATA CUMULATIVE DATA** Cumulative Cumulative INVESTMENTS Investment Income/Loss Investment Income/Loss Current This Year This Year To Date To Date Balance (b) (c) (d) (e) Investment in Affiliated Companies - Rural Development

2. Investment in Affiliated Companies - Nonrural Development

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RATES					
	Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)	X	YES		NO
	EQUIPMENT CATEGORY		DEPRECIA	TION RA	15.84%
1.	Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles				13.046
2.	Land and support assets - Aircraft				15.84%
3.	Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles				15.84%
4.	Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment				7.32%
5. 2	Land and support assets - Buildings				7.32%
6. -	Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment				
7.	Land and support assets - General purpose computers				7.61%
8.	Central Office Switching - Digital				7.61%
9.	Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical				
-	Central Office Switching - Operator Systems				
-	Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems				
_	Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment				7.61%
	Information origination/termination - Station apparatus				
	Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring				·
	Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges				6.70%
	16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment				
17.	Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment				
18.	8. Cable and wire facilities - Poles 5.				
19.	Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal				5.04%
20.	Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber				
21.	Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal				
22.	Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber				
23.	Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal				3.48%
24.	Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber				3.48%
25.	Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems				
26.	Cable and wire facilities - Other				

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OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS

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INSTRUCTIONS - See help in the online application

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INST	RUCTIONS – See help in the online application.	
	PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	151,073
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2.	Net Income	163,972
	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3.	Add: Depreciation	309,319
4.	Add: Amortization	0
5.	Other (Explain) (Gain) Loss on Non Marketable Investment	(6,987)
	Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	103,904
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	18,691
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	11,813
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	1,909
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	10,272
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	0
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	6,257
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	619,150
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	0
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	0
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	1,505
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	(70,094)
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	166,204
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	2,240
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	(49,000)
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	0
22.	Other (Explain)	
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	50,855
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	(403,378)
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	(1,850)
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	47,957
27.	Other (Explain)	
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	(357,271)
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	312,734
30.	Ending Cash	463,807

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION BORROWERS

Board of Directors Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. Lincoln, Montana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. (LTC), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of income and retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2016. In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2016, on our consideration of LTC's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. No reports other than the reports referred to above which are related to our audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that LTC failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of their loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers, §1773.33 and clarified in the RUS policy memorandum dated February 7, 2014, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding LTC noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding LTC's accounting and records to indicate that LTC's did not:

Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;

Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts (except the Company doesn't have up-to-date plant subsidiary records);

Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

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Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

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Seek approval of the sale, lease or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;

Maintain adequate control over materials and supplies;

Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;

Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract for the management, operation, or maintenance of the borrower's system if the contract covers all or substantially all of the telecommunication system;

Disclose material related party transactions in the financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;

Record depreciation in accordance with RUS requirements (See RUS Bulletin 183-1, Depreciation Rates and Procedures);

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits; and

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, and the RUS and supplemental lenders and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Bozeman, Montana

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March 1, 2016

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(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets (3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions - FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

relevant geographic area.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (para	graph 80)
4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Certification - Reporting Co Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No: 3060-0986/ON/6 Control No: 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients

certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.

Name of Reporting Carrier: LINCOLN TEL CO INC

Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE

Date 06/27/2016

Printed name of Authorized Officer: Kenneth Lumpkin

Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4063624216 ext.

Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:

Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.



LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

June 27, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

RE: WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual §54.313 / 54.422 Report of High-Cost and Low Income Recipient, Form 481

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed herein is an original and copy of the annual report for Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc., Study Area Code 482244 pursuant to §54.313 / 54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Please contact me with any questions at:

Phone: 406.362.4216 Email: ltc@linctel.net

Sincerely,

Ken Lumpkin

Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager

Enclosures

Copies to:

Universal Service Administrative Company Electronic Filing Washington, DC 20036

Montana Public Service Commission P. O. Box 202601 Helena, MT 59620



LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

Date: July 1, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 9300 East Hampton Drive Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 2016 Annual Report for Program Year 2017, Form 481 for High-Cost Recipient - 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"

Dear Ms Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. provided in 2015 High Speed Internet service to its customers and:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas and;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

If there are questions, I may be contacted at (406)362-4216.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lumpkin Kenneth Lumpkin

General Manager

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<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	482244mt112.pdf npanyisa	.12.pdf
	Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	sar .	Name of Attached Document
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Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. 2015 PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PREAMBLE

This document is an integral part of the Company's 2016 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. It is in compliance with §54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161) and incorporates all further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, that were in effect at the time the Annual Report was filed.

Lincoln Telephone advises that the environment in which the Company operates is dynamic, not static. As a result, certain network targets identified in its initial 5 Year Network Improvement Plan filed in 2014, may be modified in response to regulatory decisions that have been subsequently adopted, and as their implication upon the Company's financial viability in providing the required services and service level quality became known.

Modifications to the network plan been taken due to project financing delays.

Targets not met or changed since the initial 5 Year Plan filing are identified and reasons provided for those changes.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT RECEIVED IN 2015

Per the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), Lincoln Telephone received a total of \$547,000 USF support funds in 1995. The breakdown of the funding was:

- \$116,014 High Cost Loop Support
- \$181,200 Connect America Fund-Intercarrier Compensation Support
- \$249,786 Interstate Common Line Support

Universal Service Support funds are used to: 1) maintain, upgrade, and improve the Company's network and, 2) cover operating expenses and debt commitments as necessary to permit it to offer a high level of service for both voice and broadband within the authorized serving area.

USF support will continue to be included in the Company's current revenue accounts and forward-looking projections. Revenues, in the aggregate, are used for both capital expenditures (CAPEX) as well as to cover operating expenses (OPEX) and fixed costs

incurred to obtain capital from lenders. The Company does not segregate USF separately for purposes of capital and operating expenditures; USF is expended in the same proportion as its contribution is to the Company's aggregated revenue amount.

The proportionate share of USF expenditures in 2015 for CAPEX was \$418,778 (77%); for OPEX \$128,222 (23%).

In the accompanying 2015 project detail, expenditures for network improvements sometimes involve service quality, coverage and capacity as an integrated improvement project and are not mutually exclusive from one another. In terms of cost, projects involving multiple qualifiers are of equal dollar equivalence. Where a project involves a single qualifier, it is so noted.

PROGRESS REPORT

2015

Lincoln Telephone based its improvement plan on the completion and submission of a Rural Utility Service loan application. Unfortunately the loan process has been delayed and Lincoln Telephone is using its operating cash flows for network improvements until loan approval.

Alice Creek Fiber Project: Lincoln Telephone used operating cash flow to deploy Fiber to the Home to this remote area within the Lincoln exchange. Of the twelve premises only three are served with commercial power. The project was completed in November 2015 at a cost of \$92,820.

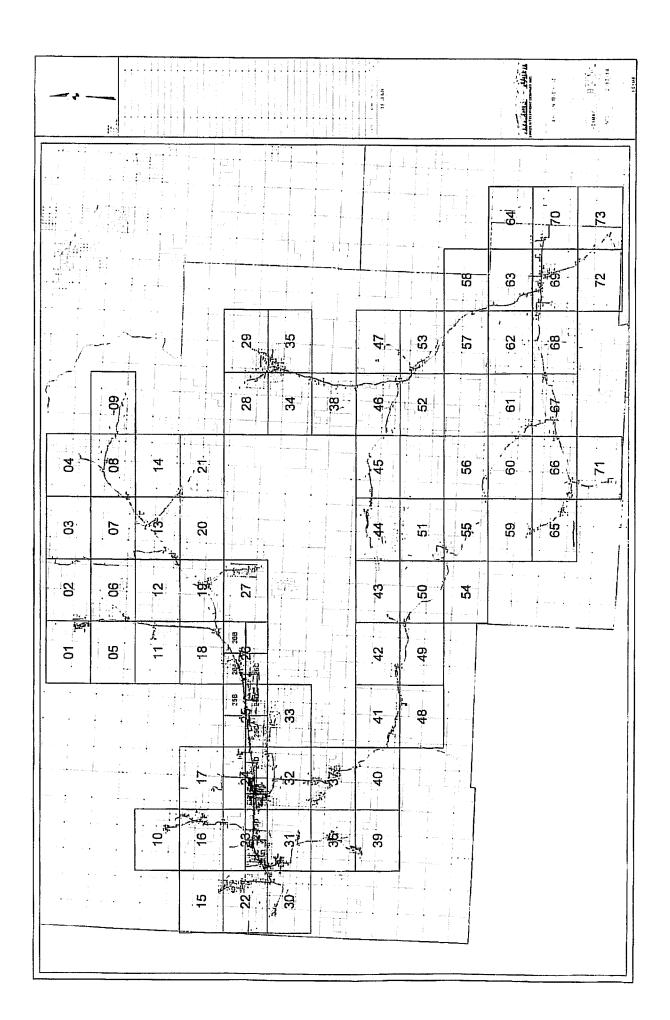
<u>Highway 279 – Flesher Pass</u>: Lincoln Telephone used operating cash flow to deploy Fiber to the Home to another remote area with the Lincoln exchange. This project was completed in November 2015 at a cost of \$145,632 and serves eight subscribers in a mountain terrain.

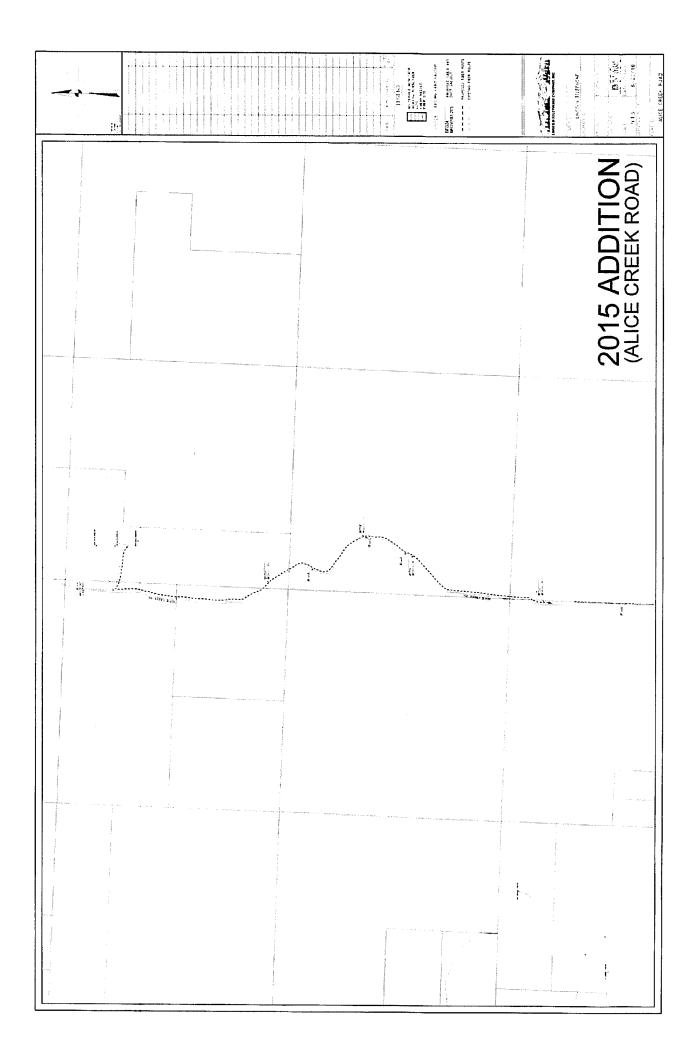
<u>Central Office</u>: Lincoln Telephone upgraded switching capabilities of its Genband C15 and added transmission equipment to enhance its capacity. These service quality and capacity expenditures were completed in October 2015 with an investment of \$154,407.

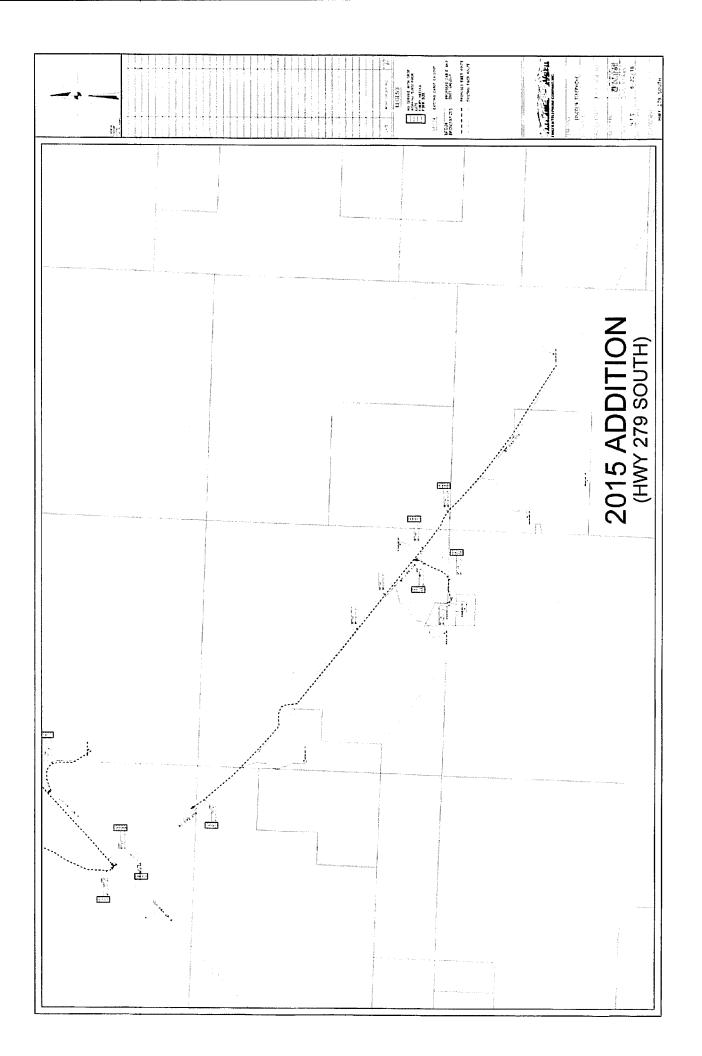
Vehicles: One service truck was replaced in 2015 and a cost of \$25.919.

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Consumer Protection

Voice and Broadband

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.§ 54.313(a)(5) and or 4 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. is in compliance with appropriate FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules. Lincoln Telephone provides CPNI training to all of its existing and new employees. In addition, Lincoln Telephone trains staff and new employees on Red Flag issues. All Lincoln Telephone employees are required to sign and acknowledge they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training, received a current copy of the Lincoln Telephone's CPNI and Red Flag Manual and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules. The CPNI and Red Flag Coordinator conducts follow-up training sessions for employees who (a) assume new job responsibilities likely to bring them into contact with new and/or existing covered accounts of customers; (b) if and when material changes and other substantial revisions, modifications and updates are made to the Program; and/or (c) periodically when Lincoln's management and Coordinator believe a refresher training session is needed to remind employees of identity theft issues, Red Flag matter and CPNI. Annually, the Board receives, reviews and accepts CPNI and Red Flag reports from management.

Service Quality Standards

Voice

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. complies with service standards as promulgated in the Administrative Rules of the State of Montana 38.5.33, Telecommunications Service Standards.

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Functionality in Emergency Situations

Back-Up Power for Both Voice and Broadband Services

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. has the following back up power capabilities:

Switch

Genband C15

48V DC Battery Rack 20 hour run time

AC Generator 500 Gallon Propane Fuel Tank 48 hour run time with no maintenance

Remote Central Office

Calix

48V DC Battery Rack 20 hour run time

AC Generator 500 Gallon Propane Fuel Tank 48 hour run time with no maintenance

Subscriber Carriers

Calix or AFC

48V Batteries 4 hour run time

Portable Gasoline Generators 8 hour run time

Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average of 754 customers with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office and their NIDs are powered from the Central Office. Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average of 103 customers with non-metallic (fiber optic) connections to the Central Office. These customer's NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency. The batteries are rated to last 10 hours with no use and 6 hours with c constant use.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. has built redundant facilities between its exchanges and / or to its connecting company / toll tandem. This redundant facility is in the form of a SONET ring with alternate physical facilities between Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. and Vision Net, its interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

Lincoln Telephone Company has a monthly average 857 customers, switching capacity of 10,000 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 1,000 simultaneous calls. Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. takes no responsibility for the capabilities of interconnected networks to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations, but will continue its best efforts for its networks during such events.

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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves	
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation	
		Name of Attached Document
If your to confidence demon:	If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:	Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.	
<922>	Feasibility and sustainability planning;	
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes	
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements	
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules	
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes	
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes	
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.	

(1000) V Deta Col	1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability. Data Collection Form	PCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-6986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 Adv 2013
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<035>	1	4063624216 ext.
¢039	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identif	kennethlumpkin@linctel.net
<1000>	Voice services rate comparability certification	Yes
<1010>	Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance	482244mt1010.pdf
		Name of Attached Document
<1020>	Broadband comparability certification	Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau
<1030>	Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance	482244mt1030.pdf
		Name of Attached Document

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. 482244mt1010.pdf

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.§54.313 (a) (10) Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. is in compliance with the requirement that voice service is no more than two standard deviations above the national average urban rate for voice service of \$47.48 as specified in Public Notice DA 16-362 issued in April 2016. Lincoln Telephone's current total local end-user rate of \$16.00 or \$18.45 are not above the standard deviation as specified in the USF/ICC Transformation Order.

Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. 482244mt1030.pdf

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R.§54.313 (a) (1) Lincoln Telephone Company Inc. charges a residential rate of \$77.80 for broadband providing 10 Mbps download, 1Mbps upload, and an unlimited usage allowance. This rate is at the 2015 reasonable comparability benchmark for the same offering established by the Wireline Competition Bureau.

FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	14	LINCOLA TEL CO INC		Kenneth Lumpkin	4063624216 ext.	kennethlumpkin@linctel.net	Yes		
(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting Data Collection Form	<010> Study Area Code 482244	<015> Study Area Name	<020> Program Year	2 - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	ta line <030>	١.	<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)	Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).	

FCC Form 481 ONIB Coutrol No. 3060-0986/GMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013	482244	LINCOLN TEL CO INC		Kenneth Jumpkin			482244mt1210.pdf		Name of Attached Document						
(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers Lifeline Data Collection Form	<010> Study Area Code	<015> Study Area Name	<020> Program Year	<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>		<1010> Terms & Conditions of Voice Talanhony Lifeline Plans		<1220> Link to Public Website HTTP	•	"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:	<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,	<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

LIFELINE FORM



Initial Lifeline Enrollment	Re-Verification of Lif	feline Enrollment	482244mt1210.pdf Page 1 of 2
PERSONAL INFORMATION			
PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFOR	MATION:		
First Name:		Middle Init	tial:
Last Name:		Birth Date:	
Phone Number:			
E-mail Address:			
Residential Address (No PO Boxes, must be yo	ur physical address)		
Street Address:			
Name of Apt. Complex/Multi Resident Facility	:		
Apt. No.:	Multi Resident Facilit	ty Room/Bed No.:	
City:	State: _	Zip Code	e:
This address is:			
Permanent Temporary			
<u> </u>	the age of 18. However, they do it complete the Household Workshee	<u>-</u>	nold or share in the household expenses. Yes Skip the Household Worksheet.)
ELIGIBILITY		-	
OUALIFYING BENEFICIARY (Please comple	ete if you or a dependent in you	ur household is receiving	benefits from one or more of the programs
listed below.)	, , a aspendent in , oc	a	benefits from one of more of the programs
First Name:	BAI.	Last Name:	
PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY AND PRES			
	Housing Assistance (Section 8)		ome Energy Assistance Program
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Nat	ionai School Lunch (Free Program (Only)	icald
□ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families □ Income qualification: Person's whose house	schold income is at as heless 1250/	of matical accorded lavel acc	altica
How many people are in your household?		or national poverty level qu	diffies.
Qualifying income per person:			
	\$27,122 (4) \$32,738	(5) \$38,354	(Add \$4 150 for each additional narrow)
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3 Consecutive Paystubs	-N	•	Benefits Statement
Unemployment/Workers Compensation			or Child Support Document
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CERTIFICATIONS			
PLEASE READ AND ACKOWLEDGE YOU AG			
I understand that Lifeline is a f	ederal government benefit progra	m and that only qualified pe	erson may participate in the program.
			ne or wireless. To the best of my knowledge no one in
			T section if you live in a multiple dwelling facility).
I certify that I am at least 18 ye	ears of age and not currently receive	ving a Lifeline telephone ser	vice from any other landline or wireless telephone
	· ·	per household limitation wi	ll result in de-enrollment from the Lifeline program
and may be punished by fine of	· ·		
•	o any other individual, including ar	•	
			ally, and that failure to do so will result in
	s. I will notify Lincoln Telephone in		·
		address changes. Failure to	provide such notification may result in de-
enrollment from the program.			
			onstitute immediate approval for Lifeline services.
	·	-	Service Administrative Company (USAC) (the
administrator of the program)	and/or its agents for the purpose	of verifying that I do not rec	eive more than one Lifeline Benefit.

HOUSEHOLD WORKSHEET
Only ONE lifeline service may be obtained per household. "Household" is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address as one economic unit. An "economic unit" is defined as "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household." Lifeline support is available to eligible low-income consumers living in group living facilities. As a lifeline applicant, you must demonstrate that any other Lifeline recipients residing at your residential address are part of a separate household. If there are multiple unique households at your address, as defined in this program, please also complete and submit the Household Section below.
For example, if you live in an apartment building, in a nursing home or in another type of multi-dwelling facility. This will assist us in being able to respond promptly to your request for Lifeline benefits. Answer the questions below to determine whether there is more than one household residing at your address.
 Does your spouse or domestic partner (that is, someone you are married to or in a relationship with) already receive a Lifeline-discounted phone? (check no if you do not have a spouse or partner)YESNO If you checked YES, you may not sign up for Lifeline because someone in your household already receives Lifeline. Only ONE Lifeline discount is allowed per household. If you checked NO. please answer question #2.
2. Other than a spouse or partner, do other adults (people over the age of 18 or emancipated minors) live with you at your address? A. A parentYESNO D. An adult roommateYESNO B. An adult son or daughterYESNO E. OtherYESNO C. Another adult relative (such asYESNO a sibling, aunt, cousin,
grandparent, grandchild, etc.) > If you checked NO for each statement above, you do not need to answer the remaining questions. Please initial line B, below, and sign and date the worksheet. > If you checked YES, please answer question #3. 3. Do you share living expenses (bills, food, etc.) and share income (either your income, the other person's income or both incomes together) with at least
one of the adults listed above in question #2?YESNO If you checked NO, then your address includes more than one household. Please initial lines A and B below, and sign and date the worksheet. If you checked YES, then your address includes only one household. You may not sign up for Lifeline because someone in your household already receives Lifeline.
 4. Do any of the adults listed in question #2 already receive a lifeline discounted phone?YESNO If you checked NO, please initial the line B below, and sign and date the worksheet. If you checked YES, you may not sign up for lifeline because someone in your household already receives Lifeline. Only ONE Lifeline discount is allowed per household.
(To be completed only if you live in a group living facility or if there is more than one household living at your address.)
AI certify that I live at an address occupied by multiple households. BI understand that violation of the one-per-household requirement is against the Federal Communication Commission's rules and may result in me losing my Lifeline benefits, and potentially, prosecution by the United States government.
By signing below I am certifying that all information contained on this form and in my documentation is true and correct. I understand that if I knowingly provide false information in order to obtain Lifeline benefits that I will be guilty of perjury which is punishable by fines or imprisonment up to five years. Date:
Submit your completed form and your supporting documentation using one of the following methods: Mail:
Lincoln Telephone
111 Stemple Pass Rd
Lincoln, Mt 59639
Fax: 406-362-4606
Email: ltc@linctel.net
Drop off at the Lincoln Telephone office - 111 Stemple Pass Rd.
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Date Form and Document Received: Customer SPID:

Specific Documentation Provided by Customer Supporting Eligibility:

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

						Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting	Znd Year Certification 47 CFK § 54.313(b)(1)(l) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § $54.313(b)(1)(ii)$ - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support	Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only. Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)
<u>=</u>	<2010>	<2011>	<2022>	<2023>	<2024A>	<2024B>	<2025B>	<2015>

FCC Form 481 OM/B Control No. 3060-0986/OM/B Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013			Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information					
(200) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued). Data Collection form: Including Note-of-Neturn Carriers offillated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)} 016> Certification support used to build broadband Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}	7A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?	 'B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price 	cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015. Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)	Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)	Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)	> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)	 Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5) Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public 	
(2000) Price Cap Ca Dava Collection For Including Note-of-Ne	Pr <2016> Conr	<2017A>	<2017B>	<2018>	<2019>	<2020>	<2021>	<2026>	

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compliand	the items below to note compliance with five year se with the financial reporting requirements set fort nents attached below is accurate.				
(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)				
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		Yes - At	ttach Certif	
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(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attache Information	ed Document Li	isting Require	d
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}	No - No New Com	munity Anchor	s	
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attache	ed Document Li	isting Require	d
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	Information (Yes/No)	©	0	
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	lacktriangle	\circ	
(3015)	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires: Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications		Γ	1	
(3016)	Borrowers) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows			/	482244mt3017.pdf
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attache Information	ed Document Li	isting Require	d
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the	(Yes/N	0)	0	
(3019)	boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers				
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line				
(3022)	3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains: Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers				
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant]
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.]
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows				
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attache	ad Dagumant Li	istina Boauiro	۸

Information

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

	This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.				
	BORROWER NAME				
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc.				
	(Prepared with Audited Data)				
INSTRUCTIONS-Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period.	PERIOD ENDING	BORROWER DESIGNATION			
For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.	December, 2015	MT0525			

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII

(Check one of the following)

All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects.		There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report
Kenneth Lumpkin	3/25/2016	
	DATE	

PART A. BALANCE SHEET PALANCE RALANCE RALANCE RALANCE RALANCE											
	BALANCE BALANCE				BALANCE	BALANCE					
ASSETS	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD		LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	PRIOR YEAR	END OF PERIOD					
CURRENT ASSETS				RRENT LIABILITIES							
Cash and Equivalents	151,073	463,807	25.	Accounts Payable	17,719	27,991					
Cash-RUS Construction Fund	0		26.	Notes Payable	0	0					
3. Affiliates:			-	Advance Billings and Payments	0	0					
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	81,239	93,126	28.	Customer Deposits	2,233	3,738					
b. Other Accounts Receivable	66,741	57,132	29.	Current Mat. L/T Debt	70,101	73,409					
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	30.	Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.	0	0					
4. Non-Affiliates:			31.	Current MatCapital Leases	0	0					
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	0	0	32.	Income Taxes Accrued	25,447	31,039					
b. Other Accounts Receivable	106,182	0	33.	Other Taxes Accrued	10,582	11,247					
c. Notes Receivable	0	0	34.	Other Current Liabilities	166	166					
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable	24,088	5,075	35.	Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	126,248	147,590					
6. Material-Regulated	54,897	36,206	LO	NG-TERM DEBT							
7. Material-Nonregulated	0	0	36.	Funded Debt-RUS Notes	570,080	531,714					
8. Prepayments	20,293	8,480	37.	Funded Debt-RTB Notes	0	0					
9. Other Current Assets	1,909	0	38.	Funded Debt-FFB Notes	0	0					
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	506,422	663,826	39.	Funded Debt-Other	0	0					
NONCURRENT ASSETS				Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan	0	0					
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41.	Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt	0	0					
a. Rural Development	0	0	42.	Reacquired Debt	0	0					
b. Nonrural Development	0	0	43.	Obligations Under Capital Lease	0	0					
12. Other investments			44.	Adv. From Affiliated Companies	0	0					
a. Rural Development	0	0	Г	Other Long-Term Debt	56,165	21,129					
b. Nonrural Development	0	0	46.	Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	626,245	552,843					
13. Nonregulated Investments	521,917	523,767	от	HER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS							
14. Other Noncurrent Assets	378,641	330,684	47.	Other Long-Term Liabilities	815,331	850,091					
15. Deferred Charges	0			Other Deferred Credits	401,958	533,402					
16. Jurisdictional Differences	0		1	Other Jurisdictional Differences	0	0					
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	900,558	854,451	50.	Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	1,217,289	1,383,493					
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT				UITY							
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	7,104,258		51.	Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	2,450	2,450					
19. Property Held for Future Use	0		•	Additional Paid-in-Capital							
20. Plant Under Construction	0	35,309	53.	Treasury Stock	(2,240)						
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	0		1	Membership and Cap. Certificates	0	0					
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation	4,444,406		_		0	0					
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	2,659,852			Patronage Capital Credits	0	0					
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			_	Retained Earnings or Margins	2,096,840	2,211,812					
				Total Equity (51 thru 57)	2,097,050	2,214,262					
				TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	2,057,050	2,211,202					
	4 000 030	4,298,188			4,066,832	4,298,188					

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS

ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
Local Network Services Revenues	192,094	189,658
2. Network Access Services Revenues	998,156	1,051,741
Long Distance Network Services Revenues	0	0
Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues	0	0
5. Miscellaneous Revenues	28,079	26,667
6. Uncollectible Revenues	2,941	3,105
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)	1,215,388	1,264,961
Plant Specific Operations Expense	546,226	480,634
Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)	26,608	27,554
10. Depreciation Expense	293,688	309,319
11. Amortization Expense	0	0
12. Customer Operations Expense	111,370	149,567
13. Corporate Operations Expense	387,691	387,771
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)	1,365,583	1,354,845
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)	(150,195)	(89,884)
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses	0	0
17. State and Local Taxes	218	0
18. Federal Income Taxes	89,640	41,043
19. Other Taxes	36,760	34,843
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)	126,618	75,886
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)	(276,813)	(165,770)
22. Interest on Funded Debt	36,600	32,928
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases	0	0
24. Other Interest Expense	0	0
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	0	33.030
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)	36,600	32,928
27. Nonoperating Net Income	106,711	124,036
28. Extraordinary Items	0	0
29. Jurisdictional Differences	0	0
30. Nonregulated Net Income	276,828	238,634
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)	70,126	163,972
32. Total Taxes Based on Income	0	0
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year	2,124,714	2,096,840
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date	0	0.
35. Dividends Declared (Common)	0	0
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)	98,000	49,000
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		0
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		U
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]	2,096,840	2,211,812
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year	0	0
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		0
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired	0	0
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)	0	0
44. Annual Debt Service Payments	66,764	70,094
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]	0.9861	0.8865
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]	1.2579	1.1571
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]	2.9160	5.9797
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]	5.9975	7.2220

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	Part C. SUBSCRIBER (ACCESS LINE), ROUTE MILE, & HIGH SPEED DATA INFORMATION						
	1. RAT	ES	2. SUBSCRIBERS (ACCESS LINES)			3. ROUTE MILES	
EXCHANGE	B-1 (a)	R-1 (b)	BUSINESS (a)	RESIDENTIAL (b)	TOTAL (c)	TOTAL (including fiber) (a)	FIBER (b)
Canyon Creek	22.75	18.45	6	135	141	87.80	14.04
Lincoln	22.75	18,45	146	542	688	258.86	45.33
MobileWireless					0		
Route Mileage Outside Exchange Area						20.00	20.00
Total			152	677	829	366.66	79.37
No. Exchanges	2						

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	4. BROADBAND SERVICE							
				Details on Least Expensive Broadband Service				
EXCHANGE	No. Access Lines with BB available (a)	No Of Broadband Subscribers (b)	Number Of Subscribers (c)	Advertised Download Rate (Kbps) (d)	Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps) (e)	Price Per Month (f)	Standalone/Pckg (f)	Type Of Technology (g)
Canyon Creek	141	78	9	768	768	22.90	Package	DSL
Lincoln	688	423	78	768	768	22.90	Package	DSL
Total	829	501						·

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		PART D. SYSTEM	A DATA				
No. Plant Employees	2. No. Other Employees	3. Square Miles Served	2,015	4. Access Lines per Squar	re Mile	5. Subscribers per Route Mile 2.26	
	•	PART E. TOLL		·			
Study Area ID Code(s)	2. Types of Toll Se	ettlements (Check on	e)				
а	a		Interstate:	Average Schedul	le	X Cost Basis	
b	D			_		_	
C	D		Intrastate:	Average Schedul	le	X Cost Basis	
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	PART F. FU	NDS INVESTED IN F	PLANT DURING YE	AR			
1. RUS, RTB, & FFB Loan Funds Expended							
2. Other Long-Term Loan Funds Ex	pended						
3. Funds Expended Under RUS Inte	erim Approval						
4. Other Short-Term Loan Funds Ex	xpended						
General Funds Expended (Other	than Interim)					368,069	
Salvaged Materials					•		
7. Contribution in Aid to Constructio	on						
8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plan	nt (1 thru 7)					368,069	
	PART G. IN	VESTMENTS IN AFF	ILIATED COMPANI	IES			
		CURRENT	EAR DATA		CUMULATIVE DA	ATA	
				Cumulative	Cumulative		
INVE	ESTMENTS	Investment	Income/Loss	Investment	Income/Loss	Current	
1		This Year	This Year	To Date	To Date	Balance	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	Ø	
Investment in Affiliated Companie			1,	1.5	19		
2. Investment in Affiliated Companie				***************************************			

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PART H. CURRENT DEPRECIATION RAT	ES		
Are corporation's depreciation rates approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services? (Check one)	X YES NO		
EQUIPMENT CATEGORY	DEPRECIATION RATE		
Land and support assets - Motor Vehicles	15.84%		
2. Land and support assets - Aircraft			
Land and support assets - Special purpose vehicles	15.84%		
Land and support assets - Garage and other work equipment	15.84%		
5. Land and support assets - Buildings	7.32%		
6. Land and support assets - Furniture and Office equipment	7.61%		
7. Land and support assets - General purpose computers	7.61%		
8. Central Office Switching - Digital	7.61%		
9. Central Office Switching - Analog & Electro-mechanical			
10. Central Office Switching - Operator Systems			
11. Central Office Transmission - Radio Systems			
12. Central Office Transmission - Circuit equipment	7.61%		
13. Information origination/termination - Station apparatus			
14. Information origination/termination - Customer premises wiring			
15. Information origination/termination - Large private branch exchanges			
16. Information origination/termination - Public telephone terminal equipment	6.70%		
17. Information origination/termination - Other terminal equipment			
18. Cable and wire facilities - Poles	5.04%		
19. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Metal			
20. Cable and wire facilities - Aerial cable - Fiber			
21. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Metal			
22. Cable and wire facilities - Underground cable - Fiber			
23. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Metal	3.48%		
24. Cable and wire facilities - Buried cable - Fiber	3.48%		
25. Cable and wire facilities - Conduit systems			
26. Cable and wire facilities - Other			

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INST	RUCTIONS – See help in the online application.	
	PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	151,073
	CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
2.	Net Income	163,972
	Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3.	Add: Depreciation	309,319
4.	Add: Amortization	0
5.	Other (Explain) (Gain) Loss on Non Marketable Investment	(6,987)
	Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	103,904
7	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	18,691
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	11,813
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	1,909
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	10,272
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	0
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	6,257
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	619,150
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	0
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	0
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	1,505
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	(70,094)
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	166,204
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	2,240
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	(49,000)
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	0
22.	Other (Explain)	
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	50,855
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	(403,378)
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	(1,850)
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	47,957
27.	Other (Explain)	
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	(357,271)
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	312,734
30.	Ending Cash	463,807

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR TELECOMMUNICATION BORROWERS

Board of Directors Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. Lincoln, Montana

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. (LTC), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of income and retained earnings, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 1, 2016. In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 1, 2016, on our consideration of LTC's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. No reports other than the reports referred to above which are related to our audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that LTC failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of their loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers, §1773.33 and clarified in the RUS policy memorandum dated February 7, 2014, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding LTC noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding LTC's accounting and records to indicate that LTC's did not:

Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;

Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts (except the Company doesn't have up-to-date plant subsidiary records);

Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts (except the Company doesn't have up-to-date plant subsidiary records);

Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;

Record and properly price the retirement of plant;

Seek approval of the sale, lease or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;

Maintain adequate control over materials and supplies;

Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;

Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract for the management, operation, or maintenance of the borrower's system if the contract covers all or substantially all of the telecommunication system;

Disclose material related party transactions in the financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;

Record depreciation in accordance with RUS requirements (See RUS Bulletin 183-1, Depreciation Rates and Procedures);

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits; and

Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, and the RUS and supplemental lenders and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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March 1, 2016

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

163972

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

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(3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations - FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

relevant geographic area.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (para	agraph 80)	
4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the		
June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
4004b . Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service		
obligations for the identified locations. Materials		
must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	
speed and data usage allowances available in the		

Certifica Cata Col	ion-Reporting Collect ection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3050-0485/OMB Control No. 3040-0813
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<015>	Study Area Name	LINCOLN TEL CO INC
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: LINCOLN TEL CO INC	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/27/201
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Kenneth Lumpkin	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager/Secretary	-Treasurer
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 4063624216 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 482244	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016